

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A transdermal formulation for external application comprising between about 0.1% to about 10% by weight of a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory analgesic, between about 0.001% to about 0.2% by weight of an alkyl ester of gallic acid, and between about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of a phenolic radical scavenger having a branched-chain lower alkyl group.
2. (Previously presented) The transdermal formulation for external application according to claim 1, wherein said phenolic radical scavenger is at least one member selected from the group consisting of tert-butylhydroxyanisole, di-tert-butylhydroxytoluene, and thymol.
3. (Previously presented) The transdermal formulation for external application according to claim 1, wherein said alkyl ester of gallic acid is an ester of gallic acid and a lower alcohol.

4. (Previously presented) The transdermal formulation for external application according to claim 1 wherein said non-steroidal anti-inflammatory analgesic is at least one member selected from the group consisting of ketoprofen, tiaprofen, suprofen, tolmetin, carprofen, benoxaprofen, piroxicam, benzydamine, naproxen, diclofenac, ibuprofen, diflunisal and azapropazone.

5 - 13. (Canceled)